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CONGRESSMAN DE LA GARZA TO RECEIVE HISPANIC LEADERSHIP AWARD IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, June 3--Texas Congressman and House Agriculture Chairman E. "Kika" de la Garza will be awarded the 1993 Hispanic Achievement Award for Leadership on June 8 for his lifetime of service and his continuing commitment to increasing opportunities for all Americans.

Chosen for both his leadership on agricultural issues and his dedication to advancing other concerns, Congressman de la Garza joins current Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Henry Cisneros and Texas Attorney General Dan Morales as the only leaders to receive the award.

"Congressman de la Garza personifies the best in the Hispanic community, and his entire political career serves as an inspiration to all of us," said Alfredo J. Estrada, publisher of Hispanic Magazine, which sponsors the awards. "He is not one to go about beating his own drum, but he has been an effective leader for many years. People should know about his outstanding contributions."

Estrada particularly praised de la Garza's commitment to helping increase educational opportunities for all Americans, for advancing American agricultural exports and promoting better relations with Mexico, and for providing health and safety protections for farmers and farm workers. Elected to Congress in 1964, as Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee de la Garza has shepherded the drafting and passage of the 1990 Farm Act, the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987, and the Food Security Act of 1985, often referred to as the 1985 Farm Bill.

The Hispanic Achievement Awards, presented by Hispanic Magazine in Washington since 1991, honor outstanding Hispanics who have made significant and enduring contributions in their chosen fields. They are presented in seven categories including leadership, and past recipients include Anthony Quinn, Lee Trevino and Gloria Estefan.

"I will be proud to accept this recognition on behalf of all who have touched my life along the way," de la Garza said. "It is to them that this award should go--we all thank Hispanic Magazine and all who made this possible."

The 1993 Hispanic Achievement Awards will be held on Tuesday, June 8 in the Presidential Suites in the east wing of Union Station from 6 to 9 p.m. The evening includes a buffet and ceremony. The media is encouraged to attend this ceremony, meant to honor and inspire Hispanic endeavors. Hispanic Magazine, a monthly magazine with a circulation of 150,000, is the largest publication highlighting and promoting Hispanic achievement.

For more information and to reserve a place at the awards, call the public affairs office of Hispanic Magazine at (202) 682-3000.

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